



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services
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At its meeting held June 22, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“On June 10, 2004, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted a template Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems. If the County elects to enter into the MOU, it will be agreeing to undertake various responsibilities regarding the regulation of residential onsite wastewater treatment systems. Among those responsibilities will be conducting an inventory of existing systems and potentially implementing statewide standards for these systems.

“While the originally-proposed MOU has been modified to reflect County concerns, the State Water Resources Control Board is considering on-site wastewater treatment system regulations that may ultimately be enforced by the County through the MOU. Whether enforced by the Regional Water Quality Control Board or the County, these regulations will have a significant impact in the County on new residential development as well as the repair and replacement of existing on-site wastewater treatment systems. The regulations will have their greatest impact in areas where on-site wastewater treatment systems are commonly used, such as in the North Santa Monica Mountains, Agua Dulce, Acton and Juniper Hills.

“The County needs to ensure that all County Departments are adequately prepared for the adoption and implementation of these requirements, and that our constituents are informed of the impact to their properties.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Directors of Public Works and Health Services were directed to prepare a status report for the Board within 45 days on the development of Statewide standards for on-site wastewater treatment systems and the progress of negotiations with the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the County's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems; and to include in the report an estimate of the resources that will be necessary to complete the inventory of on-site wastewater treatment systems Countywide that will be required by the MOU.

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